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Let me preface with the fact that I am the president of Canyon Ridge HOA and represent sixty-five homeowners.

We are in opposition of the proposed 'right turn' route. Our concerns include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. As to safety, the solution of having the airplanes continue several miles west upon take-off, then circling north and then east beyond the northern-most extremes of the populated North Las Vegas appears to be a valid solution that should be explored as an alternate solution.

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2. As to economics, it appears that the airlines are pressuring the AAA in this effort to save fuel while dramatically impacting property values and quality of life issues for hundreds of thousands of people. We strongly oppose this devastating imposition and its lack of merit and 'disconnect' with the supposed concern, safety.

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3. The published db levels appear deceptive in that they are averaged within time spans and not based on actual events. Additionally, there needs to be a focus on the conditions created by low cloud cover, which occurs on scores of days in our valley. The low cloud cover creates an acoustic blanket over the valley floor, trapping the sound between them and the westerly mountains, resulting in amplification of the sound and an 'echo chamber'. The effect is significant.

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4. Residents adjacent to the current flight path are advocating the change, but these people knew full well that they were buying cheaper real estate and would be exposed to the air traffic noise. That's the primary reason their property values were so much lower. They don't have a leg to stand on in this issue. On the other hand, residents under the proposed flight path purchased very expensive real estate based on the very quality of life concerns that we are struggling to preserve. The proposed flight path would undoubtedly, unjustly, and negatively impact quality of life and real estate values. It is clearly not an appropriate solution to the 'safety' concerns.

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